Introduced by Senator Figueroa

(Coauthor: Assembly Member Nunez)

February 20, 2003

An act relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 510, as introduced, Figueroa. Teachers: exchange program.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district, subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education, to enter into an agreement with the proper authorities of any foreign country for the exchange and employment of regularly credentialed employees and employees of public schools. Existing law prohibits a school district from employing a person as an exchange employee unless the person holds the necessary valid credential or credentials issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing authorizing him or her to serve in a position requiring certification qualifications in the school district proposing to employ him or her.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to establish a teacher exchange pilot program between California and El Salvador that would allow a person from El Salvador to teach in California if he or she possesses a baccalaureate degree in the subject to be taught from an accredited college or university in the United States or the Universidad de El Salvador and if he or she passes the California Basic Educational Skills Test.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

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The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a
- 2 teacher exchange pilot program between California and El
- 3 Salvador that would allow a person from El Salvador to teach in
- 4 California if he or she possesses a baccalaureate degree in the
- 5 subject to be taught from an accredited college or university in the
- 6 United States or the Universidad de El Salvador and if he or she
- 7 passes the California Basic Educational Skills Test.